

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND )  
COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, INC. )  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION )  
 ) MDL No. 2419  
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This Document Relates to: ) Dkt. No 1:13-md-2419  
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All Suits Naming Specialty Surgery )  
Center )  
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**PLAINTIFFS' STEERING COMMITTEE'S NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF  
BELLWETHER STRIKES**

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The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") files this Notice of Exercise of Bellwether Strikes in accordance with the Court's Order of July 29, 2016 (Docket #3016).

The PSC gives notice to the Court and all parties that it is exercising its two strikes under the Court's July 29, 2016 Order as to the following Bellwether Candidate Cases:

1. *Norris v. Ameridose, et al*, 1:13-cv-12491
2. *Willis v. Ameridose, et al*, 1:13-cv-12597.<sup>1</sup>

Date: September 13, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee,

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the Specialty Surgery Center defendants have moved to dismiss on procedural grounds three of the four cases they selected in the bellwether trial pool.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Benjamin A. Gastel, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of Exercise of Bellwether Strikes to be filed electronically via the Court's electronic filing system. Those attorneys who are registered with the Court's electronic filing system may access these filings through the Court's system, and notice of these filings will be sent to these parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system.

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